

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 4, 8, 12, 16 and 18 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 3, 5-7, 9, 11, 13-15, 17 and 19-20 have been cancelled herewith. Entry of this amendment after final is requested as placing this case in condition for allowance or better form for appeal.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 102, Anticipation

The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 3, 9, 11, 17, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Avery (US 6,611,883). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants have cancelled such claims herewith, without prejudice or disclaimer, such that this case can expeditiously pass to issuance.

II. 35 U.S.C. § 103, Obviousness

The Examiner rejected Claims 5-7, 13-15, and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Avery (US 6,611,883) in view of DeJager et al. (US 6,473,424). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants have cancelled such claims herewith, without prejudice or disclaimer, such that this case can expeditiously pass to issuance.

III. Allowable Claims

As allowed Claims 4, 8, 12, 16 and 18 are the only claims remaining in this case, it is urged that this case is now in condition for allowance.

IV. Conclusion

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over the cited references and is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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